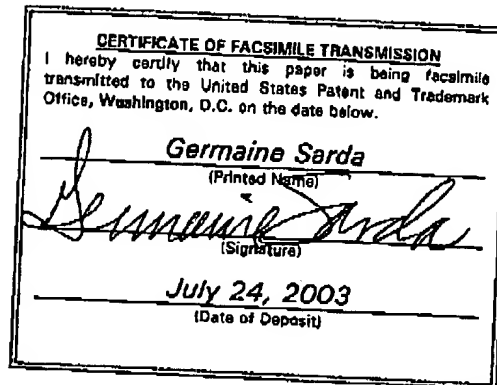


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Applicant: Hein et al.  
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**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed March 24, 2003. Accompanying the Amendment is a request for an extension of time of one month to reply to the Office Action. Accordingly, this Amendment is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows:

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